

# SCOTT INTERFERED TO SHOOT PORTESCUE

Army Captain Says That Determination Came to Him on Night Mrs. Taggart Went Into Cellar With the Lieutenant.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Webster, O., Sept. 6.—John Manville of Chicago, father of Mrs. Taggart, was an interested listener to the rebuttal evidence in the Taggart divorce trial today. Late in the afternoon Major Taggart again went on the stand.

In response to a question he said that when Mrs. Taggart and Lieutenant Portescue came from the cellar one night at Port Leavenworth they did not stop in the kitchen for the purpose of crushing lemons, but went into the sitting room.

"Major," on the night of June 23, Mrs. Taggart said, "when you pushed her on the porch."

"She wasn't out on the porch," Mrs. Taggart said.

"What did you say about a revolver to Mrs. Taggart that night?"

"I told her I was my intention to shoot Portescue if he came home with her that night."

"What truth is there in Mrs. Taggart's story about your getting out of bed night after night to get a drink?"

"There is no truth in it whatever, and I might add that I never in my life got out of bed to get a drink of liquor."

The Major denied kicking or beating Mrs. Taggart.

When asked again if it was his intention to shoot Lieutenant Portescue on the night in question, he replied:

"Yes, I intended to shoot at him."

**BILLY TAGGART'S 'SWEETHEART'**

Curt Dew was introduced as a new witness today. He said he lived in Cleveland and knew Billy Taggart, and that latter saw him at the Hurd house after they had been dining one day.

Billy took some letters from his pocket on that occasion. He said they were not from his sweetheart but that they were the "death" of the young woman who wrote them if anyone saw them.

Billy said he kept the letters in his pocket and did not allow anyone else to see them.

One day the witness said he met Billy. This time he declared the letters were from a young widow. He said the woman kept him in spending money and all he wanted was that she would let him go.

"Billy" said that if this woman got her troubles settled and she was going on the road in a circus, Billy would go with her and always Taggart told of his friend.

**REFERRED TO MR. TAGGART.**

Finally, on the 11th of July, witness said he told him that referred to Captain Taggart's wife. He averred that Billy said "if it comes to the witness stand we will swear to lie that will make the devil blush."

On cross-examination, Judge Sawyer said:

"Who are you?"

"Then followed a long explanation as to what Dew's business was. He had seen hardware stores, a hardware store, and a race-horse owner, then he got into detective work."

"What's your salary?" asked Sawyer.

"That's nobody's business but my own," answered Dew.

But the court ordered him to answer.

"It's \$20 a day and expenses," he said.

He was then asked about his wife. Howard Taggart, the witness said, was recalled, and an effort made to get in some evidence in regard to Mrs. Taggart, Mr. Sawyer and a Captain at Fort Thomas, Ky., but Judge Sawyer ruled this out and Howard left the stand and the first train departed for his home in Baltimore.

## EWING IN CONSTANT FEAR OF DEATH BY CHOKING.

Senator Cockrell Denies That His Body Be Shipped to St. Louis—Dead Man Acted Quicker.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Louis, Sept. 6.—An inquest was held this evening on the body of E. B. Ewing, who shot and killed himself yesterday. But few new facts were brought out. The physician testified that he had been under treatment for a chronic case of heart disease for several months and had acted quickly several times and was in constant fear of choking to death.

He displayed a bottle last Monday and said he would kill himself if he did not get better.

Last Saturday night at the Butte Hotel he ran out of his room, down into the office in his night robe, and asked that a doctor be summoned, as he feared he was choking to death.

He said he had a friend in St. Louis who died that way, and it appeared to be a subject constantly in his mind.

Former Ewing was telegraphed from Senator Cockrell at Washington, directing him to ship the body to St. Louis, and the body will leave here for the Union Pacific at 2:45 Thursday morning.

## GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS COTTON CONDITION IS 72.1.

Falling Off of More Than Two Points in the Month—One Point Below Ten-Year Average.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The monthly cotton report of the Department of Agriculture, issued at noon today, is as follows:

The Crop Estimating Board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, based on the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, has estimated that the cotton crop for the year ending August 31, 1905, will be 10,721,000 bales, compared with 10,940,000 bales in 1904, and 10,940,000 bales in 1903, and 10,940,000 bales in 1902, and 10,940,000 bales in 1901, and 10,940,000 bales in 1900, and 10,940,000 bales in 1899, and 10,940,000 bales in 1898, and 10,940,000 bales in 1897, and 10,940,000 bales in 1896, and 10,940,000 bales in 1895, and 10,940,000 bales in 1894, and 10,940,000 bales in 1893, and 10,940,000 bales in 1892, and 10,940,000 bales in 1891, and 10,940,000 bales in 1890, and 10,940,000 bales in 1889, and 10,940,000 bales in 1888, and 10,940,000 bales in 1887, and 10,940,000 bales in 1886, and 10,940,000 bales in 1885, and 10,940,000 bales in 1884, and 10,940,000 bales in 1883, and 10,940,000 bales in 1882, and 10,940,000 bales in 1881, and 10,940,000 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